

## **Was Shahrizat involved in KL Eco City project?**

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Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar today questioned her predecessor Shahrizat Jalil's involvement in the development of KL Eco City in Bangsar, in view of her family's purchase in the development.

In a press conference at the PKR headquarters in Tropicana, Petaling Jaya, today, Nurul Izzah said as the Lembah Pantai MP then, Shahrizat (left) would have access to development plans in the area.

"Is Shahrizat ready to explain her role in influencing the decision to move the residents of Kampung Abdullah Hukum for this project?"

"Did it have anything to do with her family's interest in purchasing KL Eco City units?" she asked.

PKR had earlier revealed that Shahrizat's husband Mohamad Salleh Ismail, who runs the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) had used the RM250 million government soft loan as leverage for the KL Eco City purchases.

The project, which was initially announced in 2000, was delayed for about 10 years due to resistance from urban settlers who resided on the land.

Link with Umno leaders

The tract of land was initially to be developed by Pelita Dunia, a joint venture entity between SP Setia and Yayasan Gerakbakti Kebangsaan's subsidiary YGP Holdings.

YGP Holdings' directors include Kota Belud Umno MP Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin (right) and Umno Youth assistant secretary Megat Firdouz Megat Junid.

YGP Holdings is also partly-owned by Defence Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

SP Setia had issued Yayasan Gerakbakti Kebangsaan RM75 million worth of shares in its company in return for the 40 percent stake in KL Eco City owned by YGP Holdings.

Separately, PKR Wanita chief Zuraida Kamaruddin and PKR director of strategy Rafizi Ramli will submit their affidavit-in-reply on the lawsuit filed by Shahrizat against them on Friday.

"We have discussed our defence strategy if Shahrizat decides to proceed with the suit.

"Among others, Rafizi and I plan to call on all national leaders who are involved in the decision on NFC or have made comments on NFC as witnesses," said Zuraida.

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